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For: GENE INVOLVED IN GROWTH-  
PROMOTING FUNCTION OF ACETIC ACID  
BACTERIA AND USES THEREOF

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Examiner: Mitra, Rita

**REPLY TO LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION REQUIREMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Communication dated May 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.